



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST · BOULDER



Questformation/Confirmation Sunday

April 28, 2024 | 10:30 AM

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Welcome to The First Congregational Church Boulder, a community of faith on a journey of faith. Founded in 1864, the first church built in Boulder, we have been gathering ever since as a community of kindred hearts to worship, to learn and grow in the light of God's grace, to extend ourselves in compassionate service, and to be instruments of God's transformation in the world.

As a member congregation of the United Church of Christ, we believe "God is still speaking." We listen and open our lives to the movement of God's Spirit stirring us up in the new thing God is always doing in our midst. We trust as our Pilgrim forbears prayed, "There is yet more light and truth to break forth from God's holy word."

Our commitment to the extravagant love of Jesus makes the words, "All are Welcome," as inclusive as they sound. We are glad you are here: believers and agnostics, conventional Christians and questioning skeptics, people brimming with hope and those who wander in despair, people of all races, cultures, and abilities, of all gender identities and sexual orientations. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Childcare for **INFANTS AND PRESCHOOLERS** is available with Ms. Ginger downstairs from 8:30 AM through the worship services. This week Elementary School **CHILDREN** and **YOUTH** will remain in the SAncuary for Worship.

In the Sanctuary...

We have a **NEW HEARING LOOP SYSTEM** which sends sound directly into a hearing aid/cochlear implant. Switch your hearing aid to T-coil. Or, in both the Sanctuary and Chapel, pocket-sized FM receivers are also available from the ushers. BYO earbuds or use the new ones provided. **WHEELCHAIRS** are also available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUR GIVING Online or in-person, you can count on the nurturing ministry of FCC Boulder Church. Each one of us plays an important part, including through our financial support.

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ENVELOPE

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STAFF

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman *Senior Minister* | Rev. Linda Kowatch *Associate Minister*

Dr. Kajsja Teitelbaum *Director of Music* | Lianna Campos *Minister of Faith Formation*

Rob Cronin and Sam Bauman *Directors of Youth Ministry*

Julie Griffiths *Office & Facilities Manager* | Christopher Carter *Communication Specialist* | Renee Loewen *Accountant*

Anne Martinez *Director of Children and Youth Music* | Jessica Kressin, *Chancel Choir Accompanist*

Er-Hsuan Li *Children's Choirs Accompanist* | Ginger Johnson *Child Care Coordinator*

Angie Dickinson *Mickle AV and Event Specialist* | Nick Munding *Lead AV Tech*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

QUESTFORMATION CLASS OF 2023-24

Maeve Brown	Parents: Bob & Amanda Brown
Charlie Lynch	Parents: Kathryn & Rob Lynch
Amelia Steed	Parents: Elizabeth Steed, Garrett & Sarah Steed
Violet Tatterson	Parents: Allison & Kevin Tatterson
Ethan Thomasset	Parents: Ann & Dan Thomasset

PRELUDE Trio in E flat major J. Rheinberger
Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

WELCOME Rev. Linda Kowatch

CALL TO WORSHIP Maeve Brown

One: Gather us here, old and young alike.

All: Gather us here in the name of the Lord.

One: Gather us here, from all over the world.

All: Gather us here in the name of the Lord.

One: Gather us here, regardless of race.

All: Gather us here in the name of the Lord.

One: Gather us here, regardless of sexual orientation.

All: Gather us here in the name of the Lord.

One: Gather us here despite any disabilities.

All: Gather us here in the name of the Lord.

One: Gather us here wherever you fall on the gender spectrum.

All: Gather us here in the name of the Lord

One: Gather us here wherever you are on your faith journey.

All: Gather us here in the name of the Lord.

One: Meet us where we are.

All: Meet us here. Meet us now. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

**The asterisk is an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

O-pen the eyes of my heart, _ Lord,
 o-pen the eyes of my heart; _ I want to see you,
 I want to see you. O-pen the eyes of my heart, _
 _ Lord, o-pen the eyes of my heart; _ I want to
 see you, I want to see you. To see you
 high and lift - ed up, _ shin-ing in the light of your glo-
 ry. Pour out your pow-er and love _ as we sing.
Third time to Coda ⊕ 1 2
 Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. ly.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lianna Campos

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:28-31

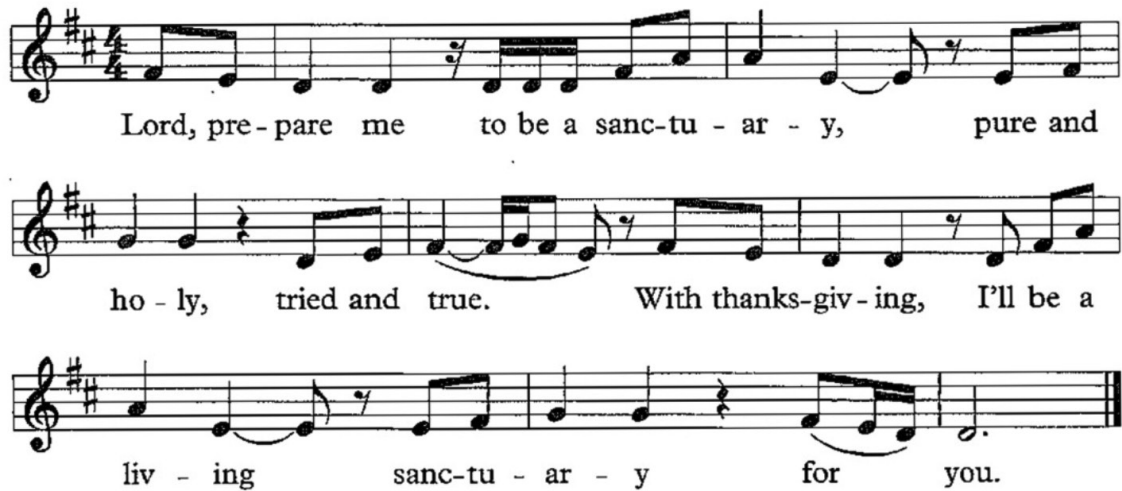
Ethan Thomasset

REFLECTION

Our Compass

SUNG RESPONSE

Sanctuary



Lord, pre- pare me to be a sanc- tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc- tu - ar - y for you.

AFFIRMATION OF COVENANTS

Just Peace	Charlie Lynch
Inclusive Language	Maeve Brown
Accessible to All (A2A)	Amelia Steed
Creation Justice	Ethan Thomasset
WISE (Mental Health)	Violet Tatterson
Open and Affirming (ONA)	Lianna Campos

QUESTFORMATION FAITH STATEMENT

See back page for Faith Statement

SUNG RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God
Joyful Noise, Faith Singers
Anne Martinez, director Er Hsuan Li, piano

SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND QUESTFORMATION/CONFIRMATION

INVITATION

COVENANT PROMISES OF CONFIRMANDS/QUESTORS

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Bless, by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water.
Activate faith in those who are baptized this day
and who affirm their baptism.
Embrace us as siblings in the one household of your love.
Give to us strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering,
the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life,
through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

ACT OF BAPTISM

HYMN 547

Amazing Grace
Please remain seated.

COVENANT PROMISES OF THE PARENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*COVENANT PROMISES OF THE CONGREGATION

With joy, we receive you as members of First Congregational Church. We welcome you to this progressive Christian church committed to faith as a journey, compassionate service, and inclusion of all. We pray that through loving and being loved, through serving and being served, we all may be strengthened by our mutual concern for one another; and that through our shared witness this church may faithfully serve the realm of God on earth.

*HYMN

Welcome to this House

Voice

Wel - come to this house O - pen and af -
firm - - - ing In God's Son we are all one
Hand in hand we stand Wel - come to this
house Car - ing and ac - cept - - - ing
In God's Son we are all one Wel - come to this
house of God God rit.

The musical score is written for voice in 12/8 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the fifth staff, and a 'rit.' marking at the end of the sixth staff.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lianna Campos

THE LORD'S PRAYER

From A New Zealand Book of Prayer

Charlie Lynch

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman

MISSION MOMENT

Wildlands Restoration Project

Cyndy, Sadie, Kate McClung

OFFERTORY

Jubilate Deo

W. A. Mozart

Chancel Choir, Kajsa Teitelbaum, director
Jessica Kressin, piano

Translation

*O be joyful in God all ye lands
Singing psalms in the name of the Lord
To give glory and honor to God.*

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!
Praise God All Creatures Here and Low! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God for all that Love Has Done!
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Violet Tatterson

*HYMN 154

Go Tell It on the Mountain

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F major

J. S. Bach

*We invite you all to visit the Questors in the Link as they display their Faith Statement Projects
and celebrate with a cupcake in the Standish and Heritage Rooms.*

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THIS WE BELIEVE...

God is love, eternal and undying.
Creator of all, being of peace,
embodiment of love, and giver of life.
God lives on, is infinite,
and breathes life into our world, our faith and our love.

The Holy Spirit is our eternal flame,
forever spreading the word, open to all.
The bread this is never finished, the cup never empty.

Jesus, the beautiful Son of God,
loved all, brought us together,
makes us forget our differences and rejoice.

Communion is for all,
as the bread is broken
and the juice is poured for all,
gathering us together
to share the spirit and love of Jesus
wherever we are on our faith journey.

Baptism, the water running over us, cleansing us,
and bringing us together in community.
In an unending sea or a small basin,
God's love is represented in the water that gives us life,
reminding us that we are loved and accepted.

Our responsibility, our mission, our time given to us by our creator,
is to love God and our neighbors as ourselves,
to care for the broken and weary, those who seek help,
respect and care for creation and others,
as respect is a teaching of God,
to protect our earth, others and ourselves
as a community, forever endowed and built on love.

Maeve Brown, Charlie Lynch, Amelia Steed, Violet Tatterson, Ethan Thomasset